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SUBJECT: CODEL JAVITS VISIT TO ROC

SUMMARY: SENATOR JACOB K. JAVITS AND HIS EXECUTIVE ASSIST-
ANT ALBERT A. LAKELAND VISITED ROC FROM DECEMBER 3 TO DECEM-
BER 6. DURING VISIT THEY CALLED ON PRESIDENT YEN CHIA-KAN,
PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHEN
CH'ANG-HUAN, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SUN YUN-HSUAN, AND
MINISTER OF EDUCATION LI YUAN-ZU. THEY ALSO MET WITH SENIOR
MISSION STAFF AND AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, VISITED
KAOHSIUNG TO SEE STEEL MILL, SHIPYARD AND EXPORT PROCESSING
ZONE, AND HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERSE WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER
SENIOR GROC OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

1. SENATOR JAVITS AND MR. LAKELAND ARRIVED IN TAIPEI AT
1600 HOURS ON DECEMBER 3. THEY WERE MET BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL
AND VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FREDERICK F. CHIEN
(CH'EN FU). THAT EVENING AMBASSADOR UNGER HOSTED
BRIEFING DINNER ATTENDED BY JAVITS, LAKELAND AND SENIOR
MISSION PERSONNEL, INCLUDING TDC COMMANDER, ATG DIRECTOR,
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MAAG CHIEF, DPAO, DEFENSE ATTACHE, AND ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL COUNSELORS.

2. SENATOR HAD NO OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4. HE VISITED NATIONAL PALACE MUSEUM,
PLAYED TENNIS, SHOPPED AND TOURED TAIPEI AND ENVIRONS.
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, SENATOR AND LAKELAND CAUGHT EARLY

FLIGHT TO KAOHSIUNG, WHERE THEY TOURED NANTZE EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE, CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION AND CHINA STEEL CORPORATION. LATTER HOSTED SMALL LUNCHEON. SENATOR AND LAKELAND RETURNED TO TAIPEI FOR 1600 HOURS CALL ON MINISTER OF EDUCATION LI YUAN-ZU. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY PAO. HALF-HOUR MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF ROC VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM. SENATOR STATED THAT HE WAS AWARE THAT ROC HAD EXCELLENT SYSTEM AND HE WAS INTERESTED IN HOW ROC EXPERIENCE MIGHT HAVE SOME RELEVANCE FOR U.S. AT END OF MEETING SENATOR ASKED MINISTER IF HE WOULD AGREE TO HAVING TEAM FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COME TO TAIPEI TO STUDY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM IN DEPTY. MINISTER STATED HE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A VISIT. AT 1700 HOURS SENATOR AND LAKELAND CALLED ON PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR AND VICE MINISTER CHIEN. FINAL EVENT OF THE DAY WAS A SMALL DINNER PARTY HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR.

3. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, SENATOR STARTED WITH 0730 HOURS BREAKFAST MEETING WITH GOVERNORS AND SUPERVISORS OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON THREE TOPICS: EFFECT OF NORMALIZATION ON U.S. ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN ROC, SECTION 911, AND PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN U.S. SENATOR ASSURED CHAMBER THAT US CONFIDENTIAL

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WILL MAINTAIN STRONG ECONOMIC PRESENCE IN ROC. NORMALIZATION WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE PLACE BUT THERE IS NO HURRY. ON SECTION 911, SENATOR STATED THAT HE IS IN FAVOR ONLY OF GIVING TAX RELIEF TO US BUSINESSMEN LIVING IN HIGH COST COUNTRIES SUCH AS SAUDI ARABIA. SENATOR COMMENTED THAT PROTECTIONIST SENTIMENT IN US IS GROWING BECAUSE OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT, HUGE TRADE DEFICIT, BARRIERS TO US EXPORTS RAISED BY JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES, AND UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES ENGAGED IN BY OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS.

4. AT 0900 HOURS SENATOR CALLED ON PRESIDENT YEN AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER ON FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN. ON BOTH CALLS HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR. AMBASSADOR HOSTED LUNCHEON IN SENATOR'S HONOR WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY, INTER ALIA, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SUN YUN-HSUAN, MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-K'AI AND KAO YU-SHU (HENRY), CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF SUNG CH'ANG-CHIH, AND FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION TSIANG YIEN-SI. AT 1400 HOURS ECON COUN ACCOMPANIED SENATOR AND LAKELAND TO CALL ON MINISTER SUN. MINISTER GAVE BRIEFING ON ROC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SENATOR CONGRATULATED SUN ON

ROC ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE OVER PAST TWO DECADES AND URGED GROC TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC TIES WITH ROK, JAPAN, AND ASEAN NATIONS. NOTING CHRONIC ROC TRADE SURPLUS WITH US, JAVITS ENCOURAGED ROC TO INVEST IN US. AT END OF MEETING MINISTER COMMENTED THAT RECENT US-ROC TEXTILE TALKS WERE UNSATISFACTORY SINCE ROC WAS BEING OFFERED LESS THAN ITS TWO PRINCIPAL COMPETITORS, KOREA AND HONG KONG. ALL ROC WANTS IS EQUAL TREATMENT. SENATOR DID NOT COMMENT. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM TAIPEI AT 1700 HOURS SENATOR HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT (REPORTED IN TAIPEI 7273).

5. SENATOR JAVITS' COMMENTS ON NORMALIZATION ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE PRESS AND OFFICIAL INTEREST. HE REPEATEDLY CONFIDENTIAL

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EMPHASIZED THAT NORMALIZATION REMAINS THE US OBJECTIVE BUT THAT THERE IS NO URGENCY IN ACCOMPLISHING THAT OBJECTIVE. MEANS MUST BE FOUND TO ENSURE THAT THE INTEGRITY AND VIABILITY OF TAIWAN WILL BE MAINTAINED IN THE POST-NORMALIZATION PERIOD AND WE SHOULD NOT CUT OUR OFFICIAL TIES TO THE ROC UNTIL THOSE MEANS HAVE BEEN FOUND. AS FOR THE GROC, IT MUST FACE UP TO THE FACT THAT NORMALIZATION IS INEVITABLE AND DETERMINE HOW IT CAN BEST ADJUST TO THAT FACT. ONE THING IT CAN DO IS TO IMPROVE ITS IMAGE IN THE US. IT SHOULD EMPHASIZE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN MADE IN TAIWAN, ENSURE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE RESPECTED, AND PERMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS.
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